

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, and 14-21 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, and 10 have been amended, and new claims 22-38 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A poker table comprising:

~~A solid horizontal surface~~ a tabletop defining an opaque, planar playing surface[,],
~~having a plurality of player stations for a plurality of players and a dealer station;~~
~~one or more supports for carrying said playing surface supporting the tabletop in a~~
horizontal position and at a predetermined height; and
a translucent, planar light window, coplanar with the plane of the playing surface;
~~and~~
~~a light source, rigidly disposed with respect to said playing surface~~ configured to
project light upwardly relative to said playing surface through the light window.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The poker table as recited in claim 1, further including a
trough rigidly secured to the underside of the ~~playing surface~~ tabletop, for carrying said light
source, said light trough disposed at least partially beneath said playing surface.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The poker table as recited in claim 1, wherein said light
~~source~~ window is disposed adjacent an outer edge of said playing surface.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): The poker table as recited in claim 1, further including an arm
rest adjacent said player stations extending substantially around the outer periphery of the
light window.

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Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A game table comprising:

a playing surface configured to be disposed at a predetermined height, wherein said playing surface defines one or more player stations and a dealer stations;

a light source window disposed adjacent said playing surface, wherein said light window is disposed adjacent all of said one or more player stations;

a light source disposed beneath said light window for projecting light upward;

a light trough rigidly secured to the underside of the playing surface for carrying [[a]] said light source, said light source disposed at least partially beneath [[a]] said light window, wherein said light trough is configured in a generally C-shape C-shaped cross-section defining first and second vertical risers and a connecting floor.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A game table ~~comprising: as recited in claim 9,~~

~~a playing surface configured to be disposed at a predetermined height;~~

~~a light source disposed adjacent said playing surface;~~

~~a trough rigidly secured to the underside of the playing surface for carrying a light source, said light source disposed at least partially beneath a light window, wherein said trough includes a~~ wherein said first vertical riser is securely fastened to the underside of the playing surface and located such that a portion of said light trough extends outwardly from an edge of said playing surface.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The poker table as recited in claim 3, wherein said trough is formed with one or more access holes.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The poker table as recited in claim 3, wherein said trough is formed with one or more vent holes.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The poker table as recited in claim 1, wherein said light source includes one or more fluorescent lights.

Claims 14-21 (canceled).

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Claim 22 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 7, wherein the arm rest includes:
a rigid plate extending around the periphery of the light window; and
a pad overlaying the upper surface of the rigid plate.

Claim 23 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 22, wherein the pad comprises leather or vinyl.

Claim 24 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 1, wherein the light window is formed of milk-colored plexiglas.

Claim 25 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 1, wherein the tabletop includes a rigid base and a fabric pad overlaying the rigid base.

Claim 26 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 1, wherein the light source is configured to be illuminated continuously.

Claim 27 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 1, wherein the light window extends substantially around the periphery of the playing surface.

Claim 28 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 27, wherein the light window extends around the entire periphery of the playing surface.

Claim 29 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 28, wherein the light window has a generally oval shape.

Claim 30 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 1, wherein the light window is discontinuous around the periphery of the playing surface.

Claim 31 (new): A poker table comprising:

a tabletop defining an opaque, planar playing surface having a plurality of player stations and a dealer station;

one or more supports for supporting the tabletop in a horizontal position and at a predetermined height;

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a light window extending substantially around the periphery of the playing surface and having a generally oval shape; and

a light source configured to project light through the light window to the space above the playing surface.

Claim 32 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 31, wherein the light window is planar and coplanar with the playing surface.

Claim 33 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 32, further including an arm rest extending around the outer periphery of the light window.

Claim 34 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 33, wherein the arm rest includes:
a rigid plate extending around the outer periphery of the light window; and
a pad overlaying the upper surface of the rigid plate.

Claim 35 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 32, wherein the light window is translucent.

Claim 36 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 35, wherein the light window is formed of milk-colored plexiglas.

Claim 37 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 31, wherein the light window extends around the entire periphery of the playing surface.

Claim 38 (new): The poker table as recited in claim 31, wherein the light window is discontinuous around the periphery of the playing surface.